

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A clamp for gripping cables issuing from an electric connector; the clamp comprising two jaws movable with respect to each other between a parted open position and a closed position gripping said cables; and fastening means for fitting the clamp to an insulating casing of said electric connector; retaining means being provided on said jaws which engage each other to keep said jaws in said closed position; characterized in that said retaining means are formed in one piece with said jaws, wherein the clamp is formed from plastic material and is sized and shaped to be directly connected via said fastening means to said insulating casing of the electric connector.

2. (Currently amended) A clamp ~~as claimed in Claim 1,~~
~~characterized by comprising~~ for gripping cables issuing from an electric connector; the clamp comprising:

two jaws movable with respect to each other between a parted open position and a closed position gripping said cables; and

fastening means for fitting the clamp to an insulating casing of said electric connector;

retaining means being provided to keep said jaws in said closed position, characterized in that said retaining means are formed in one piece with said jaws;

a hinge enabling said jaws to rotate between said open position and said closed position about a hinge axis (C); and

elastic parting means interposed between said jaws, spaced apart from said hinge, and exerting elastic thrust on said jaws to push the jaws into said open position.

3. (Previously presented) A clamp as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that said hinge comprises elastically deformable portions forming part of said fastening means.

4. (Currently amended) A clamp as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that said elastic parting means ~~(30)~~ are formed in one piece with said jaws.

5. (Previously presented) A clamp as claimed in Claim 4, characterized in that said elastic parting means and said hinge together define two elastically deformable rings coaxial with each other and spaced apart along said hinge axis (C); said jaws projecting from said rings.

6. (Previously presented) A clamp as claimed in Claim 5, characterized in that each said ring is symmetrical with respect to a mid-plane of the clamp containing said hinge axis (C).

7. (Previously presented) A clamp as claimed in Claim 6, characterized in that said hinge comprises, in each said ring, a relative arc-shaped portion defining a circular seat having an opening formed in an intermediate position between said jaws.

8. (Previously presented) A clamp as claimed in Claim 6, characterized in that said elastic parting means comprise, for each said ring, a relative pair of arc-shaped branches joined at a tip.

9. (Previously presented) A clamp as claimed in Claim 8, characterized in that said tip faces away from said hinge.

10. (Currently amended) A clamp as claimed in Claim 1, for gripping cables issuing from an electric connector; the clamp comprising:

two jaws movable with respect to each other between a parted open position and a closed position gripping said cables;

fastening means for fitting the clamp to an insulating casing of said electric connector;

retaining means being provided to keep said jaws in said closed position, characterized in that said retaining means are formed in one piece with said jaws, and characterized in that said retaining means comprise a click-on connecting device.

11. (Previously presented) A clamp as claimed in Claim 10, characterized in that said retaining means comprise at

least one hook integral with one of said jaws, and at least one corresponding retaining seat formed in the other of said jaws and engaged by said hook in said closed position.

12. (Previously presented) A clamp as claimed in Claim 11, characterized in that said jaws comprise respective pairs of lateral arms, and respective intermediate portions facing each other, parallel to said hinge axis (C), and for gripping said cables; said retaining means comprising two said hooks located on one of said jaws, at opposite ends of the relative intermediate portion, and two corresponding retaining seats formed in the other of said jaws, at opposite ends of the relative intermediate portion.

13. (Previously presented) A clamp as claimed in Claim 12, characterized in that at least one of said intermediate portions has a number of grooves ~~(47)~~ perpendicular to said hinge axis (C).

14. (Previously presented) A clamp as claimed in Claim 12, characterized in that at least one of said intermediate portions comprises a tooth parallel to said hinge axis (C), and the other of said intermediate portions comprises an elongated recess engaged by said tooth in said closed position.

15. (Currently amended) An electric connector ~~(3)~~ comprising:

an insulating casing,

a number of cables issuing from said insulating casing,
and

a clamp for gripping said cables and fitted to said insulating casing;

characterized in that said clamp is as claimed in Claim 15 1.

16. (Previously presented) An electric connector as claimed in Claim 15, characterized by comprising hinge means for fitting said clamp to said insulating casing in rotary manner.

17. (Previously presented) An electric connector as claimed in Claim 16, characterized in that said insulating casing comprises reference means engaged at least partly by a portion of said clamp, to keep the clamp in a fixed angular position with respect to said insulating casing.

18. (Previously presented) An electric connector as claimed in Claim 17, characterized in that said clamp comprises elastic parting means interposed between said jaws and exerting elastic thrust on said jaws to push the jaws into said open position; said reference means comprising at least one reference seat engaged by said elastic parting means.

19. (New) A claim as in claim 1 wherein said fastening means comprise a living hinge connecting said jaws to each other, wherein said living hinge is sized and shaped to be mounted on a portion of said insulating casing.

20. (New) A clamp for gripping cables issuing from an electric connector, the clamp comprising:

two jaws movable with respect to each other between a parted open position and a closed position for gripping the cables;

a fastening section which is sized and shaped to directly attach the clamp to an insulating casing of the electric connector; and

retainers on the jaws which are sized and shaped to engage each other to fix the jaws in the closed position,

wherein the clamp is a one-piece member formed from plastic material.

21. (New) A clamp as in claim 20 wherein the fastening section comprises a living hinge connecting the jaws to each other, wherein the hinge is sized and shaped to be received in a slot of the insulating casing.

22. (New) A clamp as in claim 20 further comprising a spring section between the jaws and biasing the jaws towards the open position.

23. (New) A clamp as in claim 22 wherein the spring section comprises a general V shaped section with ends connected to the jaws proximate the fastening section.